GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4169
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RENEWING OF MINING LEASE TO KUDREMUKH IRON ORE COMPANY LTD.
SRIKANTA DATTA NARASIMHARAJA WADIYAR

Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have a proposal to renew Mining lease to Kudremukh Iron Ore Company Limited (KIOCL);

(b) if so, whether the Government also proposed to operate the iron ore mining;

(c) if so, whether some private sector companies are keen to take the iron ore mines near Kudremukh on lease;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the factors taken into consideration before renewing the mining lease ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b): No Sir. As per the provisions of Section 8 of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, the power to grant renewal of mining leases in respect of mineral iron ore is with the concerned State Government.

(c) & (d): As per the information furnished by the State Govt. of Karnataka,no new mining lease will be considered for grant in the Western ghat region which covers the area near Kudremukh.

(e) The renewal applications are submitted by the lessees to the concerned State Government in Form `J` prescribedin Mineral Concession Rules, 1960 (MCR). The mining leases are renewed in terms of the provisions of the MCR.